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From: 292400 Dec 44

To: 302400 Dec 44

Unit: Task Force HUDELSON

Place: BAERENTHAL (Q840423)

Date: 310900 Dec 44

S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 8

MAPS: EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets, 37/12,37/13,38/12,38/13.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy front lines - No Change.

b. Defensive Organization - Road block defended by 8 to 10 men 28 Dec 44, now defended by approximately 40 men in prepared positions extending from RJ (Q 878474 to Q 871471).

c. Units in Contact - Identification by PWs of 1st Co, 361st Repl Bn in the vic (Q 815468). See Annex "A".

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary - Enemy made vigorous attempts to probe our front lines. Patrols operated in both daylight and darkness and were most active in the left sector (west) occupied by the 94th and 117 Cav Sq. There have been no reports of deep penetration within our lines by enemy patrols. Artillery and mortar was slight.

b. Operations of Component parts -

(1) Armor - Tank movement has been reported at Q 78764984; Q 78784963; Q 79405065; Q 79205065; and Q 804487. All tank movement has been after the hours of darkness. It is thought that the enemy is using armored vehicles for resupply of troops at night, thus escaping artillery observation. Other possibilities are the enemies intent to confuse our outpost or bring down artillery on his tanks in order to locate our gun positions.

(2) Artillery - Artillery and mortar fire slight with the exception of observed concentrations on front line positions and patrols. An intense mortar concentration fell vic Q 902455 at 1240A. Five(5) rounds fire on friendly patrols Q 907467, and Q 895485. These concentrations were thought to be 90mm. Artillery gun positions believed to be located Q 78764984; Q 79405065; and Q 79205065.

(3) Infantry - Appears to be a build up of troops occupying prepared front line positions. Five man patrol with mission of locating our in that sector captured vic Q 815468. Build up of strength from RJ Q 878474 to Q 871471. Enemy patrols attempted to infiltrate at the following locations: Q 789495; Q 804486; Q 800480. All repulsed by fire.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Horse drawn and motor vehicles moved Q 793507 and Q 792507 under cover of darkness.

b. PWs - 5 captured vic Q 815468. (See Annex)

Total during Period - 5

Total in France including Alsatian Deserters - 24

1. Incl ANNEX "A" TO PERIODIC REPORT No. 8

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT # 1
FROM: 0830 1 JAN - 45

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SARRE INBERG
3 JAN '45

TF Audelson

I. FIRST ENEMY ACTION.

(a) Contact with the enemy first came with small arms fire vicinity of 788448. Received Arty fire from N direction. Landed vicinity 758455 to E 793458. Supposed counter - Btry fire for position 785454. 0830-1 Jan 45. Numerous small arms fire received from N - NE 788463.

Tanks & Infantry reported to the N & NE. Small arms fire in increasing amounts from our right flanks coming up from the rear. An enveloping action.

II. ENEMY ACTION DURING PERIOD

(a) 0740 2 Jan. 5 man jerry patrol coming on road from LEMBERG 745430. 1000 2 Jan. Arty Batry spotted at MOUTERHOUSE (795425) by smoke puffs from "B" Co. By sounds & smoke observed from 747419. 1000 - 2 Jan reported breakthrough at 724397 by tanks and H/T. FLAK Gun also here.

745413 @ 1120 2 Jan. Patrol from woods observed from 743414. Large patrol reported as many as 56 men in that vicinity. Small arms fire and air support made patrol withdraw temporarily.

Hvy mortar fire rec'd in vic. 75954190. Unknown range & caliber

Reported that a captured M-8 & small group of Inf. observed in vicinity.

737413.

2150 3 Jan. Reported enemy digging in vicinity 746413, 744426. Can hear men walking around and talking.

2200 - Observed patrol coming up road 74454121, approx 20 men. BAR fire and mortar fire on patrol made patrol withdraw temporarily.

2210 - More activity in vic 744413.

2215 - Fire from SP gun firing from road 757408 to NE. Withdraws then retires.

2300 - Patrol activity still active in vicinity 745413.

0010 - Tank movement heard to SE. Can't tell where they are going.

0100 3 Jan - Burp gun fire rec'd in vicinity of GP 74054172. Sniper fire also. Was a bright night with snow on the ground.

0530 - 0830 3 Jan. Received hvy arty fire on GP 74059172. Mostly hvy mortar fire. Unknown distance and range.

0630 - 1 PW, injured, turned over to 36 Div.

0915 - 3 Jan. Green flare observed at 743523.

0923 - 3 Jan. Hvy fighting on N and E of woods 748423.

1100 - 3 Jan. Reported digging in on left boundary 747415.

PW revealed 466 Regt of the 257 Div. 3 co's committed, 3 reserve.


1120 - Probable 10 man patrol 746415, scattered from our artillery.

Tanks reported, possible V's 754414 vic.

1240 - Firing on left w/SA with sniper fire from houses at RJ 74759185. Automatic weapons from same vic.

PWs surrendered at these houses 12 and 1 1st Lt. Mortar fire brought PWs to surrendering.

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VI Corps
(TF Hudelson)

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2 Co ey attack 2 km N of REIPERTSWILLER contained. 20 ey and 2 tks at 731394 at 0950A. 20 ey tanks at 783379 at 1030. Road from this point to REIPERTSWILLER blocked by TFH with tanks and road blocks. 2 attacks of tankds and ~~inf~~ received at 749471. PW claims push this area to be supported today by air in strength.

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Location of our troops as of 1000:

740415
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810390
830410

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G-3 VI Corps reported 1130 that ey had been reported at 728350. Directed we verify and reconnoiter lateral roads to S. I told him we only had one Ben Tr. He said use 94 if necessary.

Asst G-3, VI Corps reported at 1140 that they had reports that there was a considerable part of 117 in INGWILLER and this side the mountain. Report from 540 Engrs. I told him that trains of 94 had moved to INGWILLER and part of 117 trains. He stated that was OK but that if we found combat elements of 117 in that vic to take them under Div control, to coordinate with HUDELSON. Capt Gaylord dispatched on this mission 1300, 2 Jan

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CCA to CG, 14 AD (Msgr) dated 010730 Jan 45

C/Atk in 44 Inf Div Z. CCA prepared to move
on O at daylight to repel C/Atk.

Signed: Maj Montgomery

Rec'd G-3 Office at 0925.

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Col Lambert (Tp to Maj Lyster), 0703, 01 Jan 45

Alert all units in Div to move on Div 9 w/o prior notice.

Maj Lyster (Tp to GCH), 0705, 01 Jan 45

Alert remaining units under comd for possible movement today - probably w/o prior notice. Stand to for move. Do not pull in security or actually pack up.

Maj Lyster (Tp to 125, 47, Div Arty) 0707 to 0712, 01 Jan 45

Alert your unit for possible movement today - probably w/o prior notice. Stand to for move. Do not pull in security or actually pack up.

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CCA — 31 December 1944
Report of Maj Willsie — 1430.

XV Corps — 100th (R), 44 (Center), 103d (L). Has remained in relatively same front line positions for last three days. 36th Inf located at LORQUIN (R455080); 12th A.D. at DIEUTZ in Corps Reserve.

143d located at CIRBY (W418984); 142d TROIS FONTAINE (R552088); 141st at LORQUIN. 2eme D.B. reported in assembly area E of FENETRANGE (R476275), extending to SIEWILLER (Q6127), S to RAUWILLER (R540237) and N to BURBAC (R542338). TF HARRIS is assembled at HERFIZHEIM (Q525465).

CCA has three planned missions assigned from Corps: (1) To counterattack on the axis DRULINGEN (R6030) — SARRS UNION (R526380); (2) To counterattack on axis DRULINGEN — RAHLINGEN (R6244); (3) To block the passage of the VOSGES MTS between PHALSBURG (R6149) and TIFTENBACH (R645340).

CCA now on three hour alert. They're continuing training as time permits. They are expediting reconnaissance of the three planned missions given them by Corps. XV Corps has asked them to furnish five tanks to use in school at WASSELONNE, with one officer and two EM for each tank.

Germans attacked TF HUDLISON approximately 1000-yards S of BITCHE and eastward ^{of} that line at 2200 hours last night.

XV Corps reports bombing in their area by eight American P-47's at 1530. Some were reported marked with Swastikas. Five casualties reported. XV Corps has ordered a change in the policy for AA firing. Firing will now be done upon identification and/or hostile act by aircraft.

CO, CCA, is planning infantry demonstration with CO, 68; to be given tomorrow.

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1 Jan 45 Messenger

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Information

Information 1100

256 Volksgrenadier Division
 456, 476, 481 Volksgrenadier Regiments reported identified today
 MEDUNHOFEN area (Q-4691).
 Latest contacts previously:
 456 GR
 1 Bn: 18 Dec } since then believed refitting. Regtl strength on 18 Dec: 332.
 2 Bn: 18 Dec }
 476 GR
 1 Bn: 15 Dec - since then believed reforming. Batl strength on 15 Dec: 125
 2 Bn: 29 Dec - last known strength: 165
 481 GR
 1 Bn: 27 Dec - last known strength: 120
 2 Bn: 17 Dec - since then believed reforming. Bn strength on 17 Dec: 120

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Time of message 012000. Task Force Hegren attached to this division.
 Kapsweyer (2049) found clear of enemy by 315 Inf patrol. 1st Bn 314 Inf and
 1st Bn 315 Inf assembled waiting movement to Corps control. Harassing arty received
 by front line units. Otherwise sector quiet. Time Received 2235.

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Report Received from Maj Herter, Div Arty, 011915, by phone.

Information from AOP of 500 AFA Bn:

At 1200 observed trucks towing small guns moving E from 837442; foot troops, company strength, moving SW from 830445; 4 tanks of med to large size observed moving SW and S from RJ at 836451.

At 1630 friendly P-47s bombed in vic 830454 and that was the one that caused the explosion reported earlier today. Bombs fell in the draw at 822433.

Just before 1700 this evening they observed SA fire coming from vic of BARENTHAL and from the high ground just N. There was counter SA just S of BARENTHAL in the woods at 8441, actually extending from 8441 to 8541.

At 1200, vehicles, approximately 6, observed moving S around the road bend at 878475.

Also this evening, we had a report through local FFI man (Schillersdorf) that a shepherd who had been at ROTHBACH this afternoon reported that four parachutists had been captured in the bluff immediately above ROTHBACH and apparently there was some civilian over there who had been feeding them. Further details later. Not stated who captured parachutists. He stated they had landed further S and to the E and worked their way up to the town and hid.

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Capt. Brice
(47th)

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1 Jan 45

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On road in UTENHOFFEN (Q941328) encountered road block with sign "mines".
 Bridge out at 949315. Road shown on map from MERTZWILLER (Q9529) to NIETESHEIM
 (Q9230) does not exist. Col Gillespie confirms.

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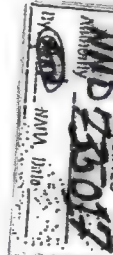
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(100th Div)				

397 and 398 infantry - no change. 399 infantry line runs from 745513
 south to 745490. Considerable pressure against "L" Co 755456. Not much infor-
 mation on 399 infantry.

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Memo:

To : G-2, 14th AD,

1 Jan 45

No PW's passed thru Div Ctr Sta 31 Dec 44.

M/Sgt Billie J. Newman
Division Surgeon's Office

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 Report from Maj Herter, Div Arty, 011945, by phone:

Following information received from VI Corps Arty:

At 1800 we re-took BARENTHAL. The enemy is to the N and NW. They believe there is a possible ~~threat~~ threat from vic DAMBACH. Enemy has infiltrated in this area. He was observed generally on line 948492 to 918464. We lost an OP party at 037525. Enemy is strength of 300-400 observed at 813428. About 100 enemy moving out of the town at 905468, moving N. Also about 150 enemy moving N from NEUNHOFFEN. Generally from their reports enemy's major activity seems to be infiltration, apparently quite a heavy toll of casualties on enemy from our patrols and ambush parties.

There are two Divs facing us on our immediate front, 256th spearheading the attack. The 301 Inf Div is also up in that area, may be the follow up Div. Extending W to about center of XV Corps front are the 559th Inf, the 17 SS, the 36th Inf and 19th Inf in that order.

The code name for this attack is "10 May 1940" in commemoration of Hitler's entry into FRANCE.

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Stamp: 235017, 10 May 1940

REPORT OF LT. INNESS, DIV ARTY, 14TH A.D.

1 January 1945

1. Lt. Col. Vance, CO of the 499th AFA Bn, verbally gave me the following information concerning the situation of his Bn as of 1100 1 January 1945:

a. Present Locations: A Btry - Q975405
B Btry - Q975409
C Btry - R035455
CP - Q997407

Alternate Positions (A&B - Same
(C - Q925386
CP - Same

b. Mission: Reinforce fire 158 FA Bn who is in direct support of the 157 Inf Regt (all part of 45th Div)

c. Activities: B Btry fired defensive fires at 0300 1 January 1945 in area 9145. 499 fired 600 rds during the night. Two Cos. of German Infantry supported by SP guns reported counter attacking to South vic. Dambach 922447 at 0300 1 January 1945. At 0800, 300 more Kraut Infantry reported attacking South in this area.

d. Future Employment:

(1) Col. Vance had completed reconnaissance for positions, 1100 1 January 1945, NE of Neiderbronn:

A Btry - 390945
B Btry - 944933
C Btry - 942402
CP - 946405

(2) 499 will occupy new positions on order with mission of direct support of a new Inf Regt. which will occupy defensive positions in E. part of T.F. Huddelsons Sector. Col. Vance didn't know the name of this Regt or the time they will go into positions. He understands that one Btry of the 500th AFA Bn plus the cannon company of the Inf Regt. will reinforce his fires.

2. From a position at 946405 I heard SA fire at Y Az 100 (approx.)

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R. J. INNESS,
1st Lt., F.A.
Asst. S-2

FROM G-3, 0635, 1 Jan 45

- 0315 — Col Connors, VI Corps, called and asked us to move our armd inf bn (1) to BARENTHAL; and that the CG should acquaint himself with the situation with the possibility of taking over. Col Connors was to be notified when the inf started moving.
- 0345 — Col Connors called again to ask if the armd inf bn had been alerted and was told that they had been. He said to send a representative of the bn to Col Hudelson's CP immediately. Maj Gibson was alerted and marked the route for the 19th, from BOUXWILLER to BARENTHAL. TC clearance was not required — per Capt Murray, VI Corps.
- 0500 — Gen SMITH authorized the atchd tk co of the 19th to move to ZINSWILLER; to await further orders from Col Hudelson.
- 0605 — Leading elms 19th moving — VI Corps notified.
- 0620 — Maj Booth informed Col Lambert that B and C Cos started moving 0540.
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- 0625 — ~~the~~ informed Lt. Perrott that the remainder of the 19th started moving 0620. Corps was notified.
- 0640 — Col Hudelson notified that B and C Cos had left 0540. Remainder of bn 0620.

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14 AD IPW Report
31 Dec 44

TO - A C of S, G-2 14 AD

Division Interrogation Report 302400A to 312400A Dec 44

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units.

<u>EM</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit and Place of Capture</u>
a.	New Identifications	
b.	Old Identifications	
2	AT Repl. Bn 33	MP - Hoffen
c.	Miscellaneous:	
	Alsation Deserters	
1	2/14 Armd Inf Regt 5 PD - RUSSIA	CIC-SIEWEILER
1	2/279 Repl. Tng Bn GHQ AAA GOTHA	" "
1	4th Co Repl. Bn SS Supply- Serv. DACHAU	" "
1	2/901 Armd Inf Tng Regt-BRITTANY	" "
1	2/248 Inf Regt 88 ID - RUSSIA	" "
1	SA-Chief of SIEWEILER	" "

Total PW during Period..... 8

Total PW to date.....795

2. Unit

AT Repl. Bn 33 - 2 German deserters who were once with this unit state that the Bn was moved from LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany, to LANDAU, Pfalz in Spring 1942. About 21 Nov 44 a company of approximately 100 men was formed from this Bn and attached as Infantry to Combat Group PETER. Around 25 Nov 44 PW's Company was dissolved and 60-70 of the men attached to unknown unit. PW's deserted in beginning of Dec 44 and remained in hiding behind our lines until 31 Dec 44 when they surrendered to the MP's in HOFFEN .

3. Personalities

AT Repl. Bn 33

C.O.

Major HEEDE

Robert A. Buhbe
ROBERT A BUBBE
2d Lt CAC IPW

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Time 012200. 179 Inf 2 and 3 Bns release completed. 157 Inf some enemy pressure in 2 Bn area. 1 Bn 313 Inf on route via motor to area vic REIPERTSWILLER (8039), 2 Bns in reserve REICHSHOFFEN (9437), 1 Bn 314 Inf and 1 Bn 315 Inf to assemble ZINSWILLER (8935). No change other units. G-3.

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OUR TROOPS IN FIRE FIGHT WITH EST COY EY VIC Q942475 SINCE 1715A.
 UNKNOWN NO OF EY HAVE INFILTRATED INTO DAMBACH Q9244. SMALL GROUPS OF
 EY OBSD IN NEUNHOFFEN AREA DURING PERIOD. AT 1325A EST 100 EY PERSONNEL
 MOVING OUT OF TOWN VIC Q905468. BETWEEN 1400A AND 1430A 100 TO 300
 TROOPS OBSD LEAVING NEUNHOFFEN GOING N. 17FA OP REPORTS 250 TO 500
 TROOPS VIC Q813428. TANK TRACKS VIC Q948492 AND 2 EY TANKS AT Q918464
 AT 1135A. AT 1245A 50 EY OBSD VIC R037523. AIR OP REPORTS 30 EY IN
 BARENTHAL AT 1600A AND EY PLANES BOMBED AT SAME TIME. INFILTRATION
 TACTICS EMPLOYED CONSTITUTES METHOD OF ATTACK WITHOUT ARTY PREPARATION
 OR SUPPORT. INDICATIONS POINT TO CONTINUED EY EFFORTS IN DAMBACH OBER-
 STIENBACH SECTOR DURING NIGHT. NO LARGE SCALE BUILD UP APPARENT IN SEC-
 TOR UNDER OBSERVATION.

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Div Arty
 1500
 1730
 1 Jan 45
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This afternoon at 1630A from a position at 850281 on an azimuth of 62004 or slightly greater, a large explosion with a plume of smoke that rose 1000' or higher followed by more smoke which is still visible now (1500A) was observed. That azimuth plotted runs through BARENTHAL.

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 REPORT BY: Capt Phillips
FROM : TF HUDELSON
TIME : 1710

Fwd CP at REIPERTSWILLER (Q-8037)
REAR CP at INGWILLER (Q-8130)

The town of REIPERTSWILLER was receiving some light arty fire, approx 3 rounds ea 10 min. A small group of enemy attempted to infiltrate from SAEQUHL (Q-794376) toward REIPERTSWILLER, were fired on and some were killed; the remainder withdrew.

Over the town of REIPERTSWILLER approx 15 of our P-47s aided by one of our AOP's were searching the area N-E-SW of the town for targets.

Two prisoners were taken N of REIPERTSWILLER while I was there. I brought them back to the PW cage at INGWILLER.

I talked with Col Hudelson, he had nothing to report except to say that he was waiting order from VI Corps for his next move.

I talked with Lt Col Myres at INGWILLER, he told me his unit had taken quite a few prisoners, among them 3 female Germans in uniform who stated they were draftsmen.

Maj Whipple had received information from liaison officers with the 275 Inf Regt that the 275 held a line from S of BARENTHAL (Q-8442) E to PHILLIPPSBOURG (Q-875425). The 313 Inf Regt, with another Inf Regt (the No he did not know) was to attack to the NE to secure a line LEMBERG (Q-739451) — BARENTHAL (Q-8442). The attack was to jump off at 1400. It had not begun at 1500 while I was there.

On my trip back I met Capt George at INGWILLER, he was on his way to Col HUDELSON with sealed orders from VI Corps.

Telephone communications are available to rear CP at INGWILLER. There is no phone to the Fwd CP.



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Post ^{TF} Hudelson 1/2/45

REPORT OF CAPTAIN GAYLORD, 2 JANUARY 1945.

- 1300 - Left Div CP with mission to contact any elements of 117th Ren Sqd south of mountains and have them assemble at their rear echelon CP in INGWILLER and to notify 117th rear that their Sqd elements so collected were under this Divisions control. I traveled from INGWILLER to ZINSWILLER on this mission. No elements contacted.
- 1310 - Two light tanks, 25th moving North out of INGWILLER. 6 medium tanks, 25th moving East out of INGWILLER.
- 1335 - Saw M/Sgt., 62d Inf in ZINSWILLER. He said 62d was assembling there preparatory to moving to INGWILLER. B and C Companies were there already. Major Higgins came in; said he was just in WINGEN at CP of 117th. Col. Rogers had ordered 19th to withdraw to WINGEN - WEGMANN positions. Major Green sent message in reply, "Can not withdraw now, am engaged". Major Higgins said he believed Major Green had one Officer and thirty nine men of "G" 62d with him. He said he was told at 117th CP that Major Green was near OOTZENBRUCK and that the road between there and WINGEN was cut by enemy.
- 1500 - I arrived at OOR CP. Colonel Hudelson said the Ln Officer from 117th and 94th reported that one Officer and thirty nine men of "G" 62d were with Major Green.
- 1525 - Infantry of the 179th moving to attack along road North of CP. One platoon went into woods up ridge just North of CP. I estimate that at least 1 Bn had passed before I left. Colonel Hudelson said the 313th Regt. was to make the attack.
- S-2 - OOR - 2-1/2 platoons of 19th clearing SAGMUNT. Road REIPERTSWILLER - OOTZENBRUCK reported cut. About ninety PW's taken since beginning of attack yesterday. Same PW turned over to units relieving 62d.
- 1630 - 62d moving into INGWILLER. Eleven tanks and one dozer tank moving North toward INGWILLER.

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HEADQUARTERS 14TH ARMORED DIVISION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. ARMY

2 January 1945

Post TF Hudeleau

MEMORANDUM:

TO : CO, GCB

Zone of responsibility for the 14th Armored Div is now exits ZINSWILLER -
BAERENTHAL road 8 to INGWILLER - WINGEN roads, both inclusive. Reorganize GCB
to prevent break-through or infiltration.

SMITH
Brig Gen
Commanding

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS 14TH ARMORED DIVISION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. ARMY

2 January 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : CO, CCA.

1. Organize outposts to prevent enemy exit or infiltration from passes or woods in zone INGWILLER - DOSSENHEIM, INGWILLER, exclusive.
2. Organize outposts around BOUXWILLER to prevent infiltration and to provide adequate warning of attack.

SMITH
Brig Gen
Commanding

OFFICIAL: LAMBERT
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CC: C/S
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Ln Sec
War Room
Div Arty

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G-2 Sec
14 AD

FROM: Capt. Phillips

VISIT TO: CCR

TIME: 030910

CP at INCWILLER.

Capt. Kelly received orders to move C.P. to BOUXWILLER. S/A fire previously reported in INCWILLER was not in the town proper, but was heard from the town and apparently came from a point 2 or 3 miles N of the town or even farther.

Officer from 313th Regt stated situation in REIPERTSWILLER unchanged, except that enemy pressure had increased last night and this morning.

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TWX OP

FROM: G-2 14 AD

TO : G-2 VI Corps

TF Holston

PWs taken by 14 AD from 012400A to 022400A Jan 45.

EM UNIT

PLACE OF CAPTURE

2 1/361 Engr Bn

REIPERTSWILLER

Total PWs during Period——159

Total PWs to date———971

Total during period includes 150 PWs captured by 62nd AIB on 1 Jan 45, and turned over to 275 Regt, 45th Div and 7 PWs evacuated through medical channels, 14 AD.

Total to date includes 12 PWs evacuated to Army cage at SCHWEIGHAUSEN on Dec 30 44 without interrogation or record due to bombing of Div cage on that date.

SMITH
Brig Gen

MILLER
G-2

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To - A C of S, G-2, 14th AD

14th AD, IPW Report
January 2, 1945 Jan 45.

Division Interrogation Report 012400A to 022400A January 1945.

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2. Unit.

1st Co 361 Engr Bn: Of the 2 PWs of this unit one was a driver, who had been absent from the Co for 4 weeks until 31 Dec, the other a medical sgt. The 1st Co has been in the Bitch sector since the beginning of December. It was in Stürzelbronn (8950) from 17 to 26 Dec, in Eppenbrunn (8757) from 26 to 29 Dec, in pillboxes of the Maginot Line, vic (864489), until 31 Dec. The Co left there on 31 Dec about 2330 for Bannstein (8344), where the Bn and Co CPs were set up. Co mission was to remove road blocks and American mines vic Bannstein during the late afternoon of 1 Jan. The Co left Bannstein about 0500 on 2 Jan to move forward. The driver, accompanied by the medical sgt, was to make billets for the Co in Reipertswiller (8036), where they were captured by our tanks.

361 Engr Bn has 2 Cos.

The 1st Co, with a combat strength of about 60 men, received 3-4 replacements about 26 Dec. It has 3-4 MG '42 and carries no explosives. The unit, which the 1st Co was supporting, could not be determined. The 2nd Co is supposed to have about the same strength.

3. Personalities and APOs.

361 Engr Bn	C.O. Capt. Gabor	
1/361 Engr Bn	C.O. Lt. Böttger	APO: 46045B

Robert A Buhbe
2nd Lt. CAC IPW

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14TH ARMORED DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 446

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT:

NUMBER 31:

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: AUTH: CO, 14th AD Arty
: Date: 3 January 1945
: Init: ✓
: From: 21800
: To : 221800

1. Missions of Artillery Units:

500th AFA Bn., 501st AFA Bn., and 93rd AFA Bn. (attached) supporting
Fires of 45th Inf Div Arty.
499 AFA Bn, attached 45th Inf Div Arty.

2. Locations :

a. Units

CP 14th AD Arty. - No change.

499th AFA Bn. - Q92923205

500th AFA Bn. - Q81533017

501st AFA Bn. - Q78993067

93rd AFA Bn. - Q85603400

b. Observers

499th AFA Bn. - None

500th AFA Bn. - With supported units

501st AFA Bn. - With supported units

93rd AFA Bn. - With supported unit.

c. Air Strip - HATT MATT Q7721

3. Front Lines:

45th Div Inf. Q740393, 750388, 760387, 769383, 775378, 785380,
800372, 842412, 850415

4. Summary of Operations:

a. 499th AFA Bn.

(1) Observed Fires - 12

8 Pers GOP

1 Veh GOP

1 Mg & Mtr GOP

2 Armor GOP

(2) Unobserved Fires - 7 Perp.

b. 500th AFA Bn.

(1) Observed Fires - 29

1 Armor GOP

23 Pers GOP

1 Veh GOP

4 Regs GOP

(2) Unobserved Fires - 8 Harrassing

c. 501st AFA Bn.

(1) Observed Fires - 1 Regs GOP

(2) Unobserved Fires - None

5. Enemy Battery List:

a. Enemy Battery List #19.

b. See Daily Periodic report #116, VI Corps Arty for additions and
changes.

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500 AFA

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313 Inf Rgt, 1st and 2nd Bns, attacked NE of REIPERTSWILLER at 1500 - due N to secure woods. 79 Div Arty has plenty of observers with the attack. WILDENGUTH cleared of enemy tks. 2 cos of 19 cannot be relieved until passed through by 313 Inf Rgt now near SARREINSBERG.

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Corrected Copy;

Because of the armored threat on the left flank, 313 Inf Regt attack scheduled for 1100A was cancelled. Everything now OK.

Air OP reports - No vehicles on roads 7639 to 7838 and 790407 to 790390 at 1315A. At 1315A bazooka fire reported on ey tank at WILDENGUTH (788379).

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C. Enemy Battery reported at 779356 at 1900. (source - radio intercept)

6. Enemy Activity During Period:

Enemy infiltrated into REIPERTSWILLER (08037) this morning at 0100. 500th AFA Bn. reported a fire fight in that town at 0115. They fired at enemy in REIPERTSWILLER at 0115 and at possible enemy armor just North of the town at 0340. At 0345, 313 Infantry Regt reported a fire fight around their CP. At 0445 the 500th reported that the 313th expected a C/A in their sector between 0400 and 0500, Bn. Strength, supported by Panzer and SS troops. This C/A did not materialize until 1600 - the 500th fired defensive fires at 80003793, 80143741, 78343800, and 78453824 for the 1st and 2nd Bns. 313Inf. from 1600 - 1700. The C/A was repulsed. At 0815 they fired at an enemy column consisting of Infantry and Armor at 792375. One tank was knocked out - the Infantry and remainder of tanks dispersed. At 0910 they fired upon enemy tanks and vehicles at 802374.

The 499th AFA Bn. fired on an enemy machine gun at 83434137 at 1500; on Enemy Infantry at 85404248 at 1515 and 87824262 at 1600; on enemy tanks at 87784277 at 1545 and 87784277 at 1600.

The 313rd reported at 1900 that the enemy had been driven from hills 798370 and 801365 - enemy was firing effectively from 795385.

At 1900 VI Corps reported that a reliable source had indicated that the 6SS MT Div will attack from high ground (7835) South tonight. At 2110 the 313rd reported that the 12SS Regt of the 6SS MT Div had moved to vicinity REIPERTSWILLER and would probably attack in that area to take the road net INGWILLER * WIWGEN.

For the Artillery Commander:

Joe R. Barron (Smy)
JOE R. BARRON,
Major, F.A.
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 A. P. O. 446 U. S. ARMY

✓ 3 January 1945.

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

NUMBER 7:

1. Upon reassembling Division will be reorganized as follows:

<u>CCA</u>	<u>CCB</u>	<u>CCR</u>	<u>DIV TRS</u>	<u>DIV TNS</u>
Hq Co, CCA	Hq Co, CCB	Hq, CCR	Hq & Hq, (FR)	Hq 14 Tns
48	25	47	Hq & Hq Btry,	Hq, (RE)
68	62	19	Div Arty	84
C-94	A-94	117#	499	136
Det 154	Det 154		500	Det Band
			501	154 (-)
			94 (-)	
			125	
			MP Plat	
			Band (-)	
			Det 154	

To be committed on Corps order.

2. Pending further orders, 47th Tn Bn will continue to reinforce CCB.
 CC's will assume control of other units as they revert to Div Control. Div
 Engr to be prepared to support Div in execution of mission. 94th Cav Ren S
 (Mec₂) to be prepared to move to either flank. Div Tns to be moved in accord-
 ance with existing instructions.

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Lto; CO, CCB

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Move 1 Co Med Tks 47 to vic NEIDERBRONN (930390) immediately.
Report to tank officer 45th Div.
Move by way of ZINSWILLER, OBERBRONN.

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